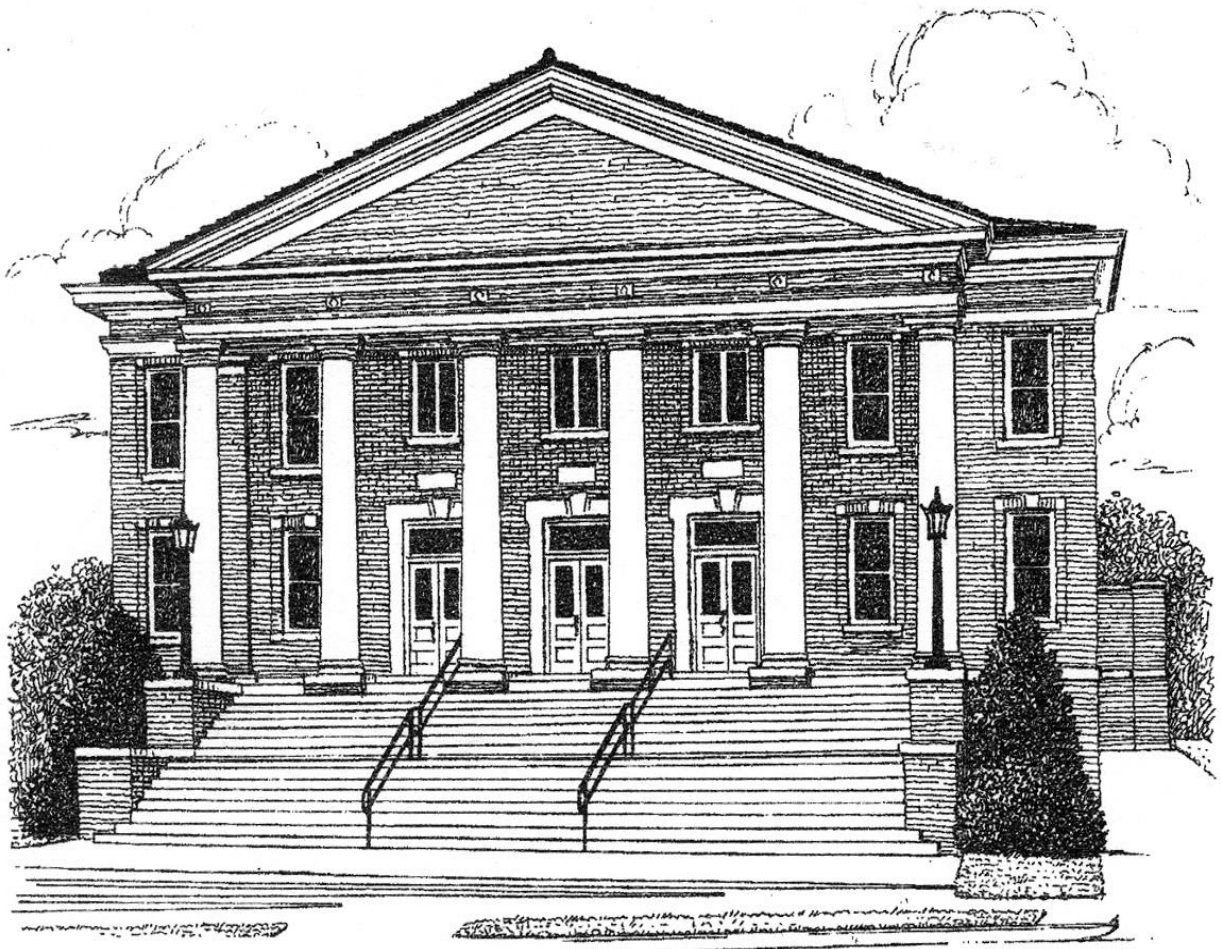


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**First United Methodist Church
3301 South Liberty Street
Canton, Mississippi 39046**



Founded 1836

December 9, 2018

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

***Our mission is to
Reach people for Jesus Christ
Teach people to be daily Disciples of Jesus Christ
Heal and Nurture people in the name of Jesus Christ***

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME AT THE ALTAR (*Please honor this time of reverence in silence.*)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL

Introit "Away in a Manger" Arr. Ardis Freeman
Grades 1-3
Carol Choir Chimes

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT CANDLER READER-"Youth"

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Arr. Ardis Freeman
 Grades 4-6
 Agape Choir Chimes

HYMN “Awesome God” No.179
 (Children come forward for
 children’s time)

HYMN “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” No.244

OFFERTORY “Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Smith/Hustad
 Ellen Matthews, piano
 Ann Stubblefield, organ

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all Creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON “The Voice of One” Bro. David Lowery
 Luke 3:3-6

HYMN “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your No.231
 Heart”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHOIR & ACOLYTES RECESSIONAL

*POSTLUDE “O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. McDonald

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome to First UMC in the name of Jesus Christ.

You are very important to us at First UMC.

We hope you experience the presence of Christ in worship here and enjoy a genuine sense of Christian hospitality in the fellowship. Please speak to Bro. David if you wish to become a member of FUMC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Quilts are hanging.** Please go by and pray over them and tie a knot. There are quilts hanging for Anna Hicks Phillips and April Cole.
- ◆ **Flowers at the altar.** Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Will Hayes by Barbara, Froggy and Allison Hayes.
- ◆ **Advent Service and Lunch.** Advent Service is this Tuesday, December 11th at 12 PM. Rev. Beth Foose from Grace Episcopal is the guest speaker. Special music is provided by Tom Berry. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.
- ◆ **Sanctuary Choir Musical.** Next Sunday morning, the Sanctuary Choir will lead our worship service as they present PEACE HAS COME.
- ◆ Thank you, Children's Choirs, for leading our music worship today playing Hand Chimes. Angela Teasley leads these Choirs assisted by Margo Burnside, Donna Salmi, Brooke Cooley, Zach Mitchell, Charlotte Stilwell & Shawn White.
- ◆ **Men's Bible Study.** There will be no Men's Bible Study this Thursday, Dec. 13th. We will resume on Jan. 10th with a new study.
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle.** Ruth Jones Circle will meet this Monday, December 10th at 7 PM. Sally Holder is the hostess.
- ◆ **Youth.** Youth will not meet on December 23rd and 30th.
- ◆ **Sanctuary Choir.** Sanctuary Choir will not meet starting December 19th and will resume back on January 9th.
- ◆ Today is the final day to purchase Honor & Memorial Lights. Please give your lists to a member of the Sara Nichols Circle or e-mail to the address on the form.
- ◆ **Carols and Communion.** Carols and Communion is December 24th at 6 PM.
- ◆ ***If you have not received an e-newsletter, or if you wish to receive future e-newsletters, please complete the sign-up form in the fellowship hall. Also if you do not have an email address and wish to receive the newsletter by mail, please complete the sign-up form for mailed newsletters.***

“Ongoing Opportunities”

- **Quilting Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00 am.**
- **Mature Years will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2:30.**
- **RECORDS UPDATE...Please let the church office know if any changes need to be made to the “Concerns of Our Church Family” list.**
- **“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 am.**

Trustees Meeting this Sunday right after church.

Members:

John Wallace	Will Mayo
Bobby Hall	Curtis Shelton
Beverly Green	Will Lampkin
Chuck Penn	Ken Morris
Leigh Pace	Sally Holder
Earl Stubblefield	

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
2018 CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Angel Tree

Continuing our Christmas tradition, you are invited to select any of twenty angels from the MadCAAP Christmas tree. Angels and signup sheet are in the Fellowship Hall. The deadline for returning the gifts is **Sunday, December 16.**

In His Steps Ministries

Also in the Fellowship Hall is a display explaining a project for In His Steps Ministries. They have seed money to purchase a large grill to be used in the sawmill quarter recreation activities, youth rallies, cookouts for sports camps and teams in Canton and for missions groups hosted each year at In His Steps. Any donation you can make toward our goal of \$1800 will be greatly appreciated and will help this local organization spread the Gospel. Please make your check payable to the church and designate for **Grill/In His Steps. The deadline is December 23.**

**March to the Manger
Christmas Eve Communion
Good Samaritan Fund**

SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST

Grace Episcopal Church partnered with the Mississippi Food Network to provide food to the neediest among us. Grace Food Pantry is open from 10:00am-1:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at Grace. If you would like to provide nonperishable food items to the pantry, please place your donations in the baskets located in the sub-story.

Methodist Memories. "On November 29, 1847, the Methodists of Canton bought a lot two hundred feet wide and four hundred feet in length, including the present church lot, but extending at that time from Liberty to Union street, for \$350 from Nathan Whitehead and his wife. A new building was constructed on this lot, built of brick and the pride of the new community, since only a few congregations in Mississippi worshiped in brick buildings. It was used for some thirty years and had to be torn down (in 1878) because it was in a dangerous condition with cracks in the wall that rendered it unsafe." *Taken from Methodism in Canton, Mississippi written by Rev. Dr. J.B. Cain, 1956*

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christy Aaron	Thomas Gatewood	Judy Lambert	Susan Riddell
Sandy Bowles	Ann George	Linda Allen Ley	Maggie Riggan
Bobby Burkhalter	Louise Gordon	Ducky Longgear	Ritt Rittenhouse
M.L. Burnside	Sue & Bob Gowin	Mai Looney	Pete Sanders
Anne Byrd	Jimbo Grimm	Emily & Sam Mabry	Myra Stone
Nelle Byrd	Voncille Grimm	Baby Mabry	Billie Terry
Blanch Case	Bobby Hall	Lacey Madden	Druscilla Thompson
Rich Case	Carolyn Harris	Guilda Madison	Bill Vaughn
April Cole	Linn Hart	Dolly Magee	Sophia Weems
Hope Coup	Mike Harvey	Megan Martin	Bradley Williamson
Emily Crews	Charlie Herbison	Randy McClellan	Mary (unspoken)
Sawyer Davidson	Elizabeth Herbison	Herbert McMullen	
Anni Davis	Jeannie Hicks	Tommy McNeese	
John Matthew Davis	Betty & Mike Hindman	Brianna Medina	
Nancy Dunn	James Earl Holmes	Laura Michaud	
Gloria Ellington	Diane Ivy	Nona Parker	
Liam Elliott	Kenneth Johnston	Carole Poquette	
Ruth Fulton	Rylee Jones	Jon Pruiett	
Rosa Gardner	Gil Kyker	Bill Reedy	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Youth Meeting
Monday, December 10	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	7:00 PM	Ruth Jones Circle
Tuesday, December 11	12:00 PM	Advent Service and Lunch
Wednesday, December 12	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, December 13	10:00 AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry Meeting
Sunday, December 16	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical “Peace has come”
	5:00 PM	Youth Meeting
Monday, December 17	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
Tuesday, December 18	12:00 PM	Advent Service and Lunch
Wednesday, December 19	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
Sunday, December 23	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship
Monday, December 24		Christmas Eve/Office Closed
	6:00 PM	Carols & Communion
Tuesday, December 25		Christmas/Office Closed
Wednesday, December 26		Christmas Holiday/ Office Closed
Thursday, December 27	10:00 PM	Prayer Quilt
Sunday, December 30	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship
Monday, December 31		New Year’s Eve/Office Closed

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Director of Music

Organist

Children's Choir Director

Director of Children's Ministries

Directors of Youth Ministries

Nursery Director

Secretary

Bro. David Lowery

Kathy Hammack

Ann Stubblefield

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